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## AKIHITO MAY GO TO HARVARD

WASHINGTON AND TOKYO HAVE BEEN IN CONFERENCE — IN CODED CABLES "ABOUT LONE LY AKIHITO, FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN. HIS IMPERIAL FATHER WANTS TO ABDICATE AND LEAVE HIM THE THRONE. AMERICA WANTS HIM TO BE EDUCATED THE AMERICAN WAY. THE PALE-FACED PRINCE LIVES ALONE APART FROM SERVANTS WITH WHOM HE MUST NOT 'FRATERNISE'"

## N.S.W. Virtually Paralysed by Strikes

Canberra, Dec. 12. Prime Minister Joseph Chifley and Union leaders ended a six-hour conference yesterday without reaching any agreement or settling the paralysing New South Wales coal, steel and shipping strikes.

The failure of the conference to find a solution was announced by the President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, P. J. Clancy, who said that the Brokenhill Proprietary Steel Organisation had rejected the A.C.T.U. proposals to get the men back to work.

The A.C.T.U. and the Unions, Clancy added in a press statement, would endeavour to have the A.C.T.U. proposals further considered by the British House of Parliament "if possible."

Premier Chifley refused to make any statement but it was reported he had pleaded that the Unions should "uphold the arbitration system."

Earlier, as the meeting began, the Minister for Health, Mr. Christopher Kelly, ordered hospitals to discharge at once all patients who were not too ill to leave, due to the shortage of electric power. — Reuter.

### HOSPITAL EMERGENCY

New admissions will be restricted to maternity cases and urgent surgical and medical cases, he said.

An additional 300 passenger trains were also taken out of the service.

Each day, more coal-burning ships are being tied up because of the shortage of fuel.

Government and Council officials said that if the coal strike continued into the next week it would mean sharper cuts in the use of electric power, probably its restriction for maintenance of water, sewage and a narrower group of essential services.

Already virtually all industry has been halted and home cooking and lighting severely restricted.

Approximately 40,000 gallons of milk weekly are poured into rivers. This was formerly used for ice cream and milk-shakes which are now banned.

The slaughter of cattle has also ceased. — Associated Press.

## GEN. PATTON RALLYING

HEIDELBERG, Dec. 12. GENERAL GEORGE PATTON, WHO WAS INJURED ON SUNDAY MORNING AS A RESULT OF AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT, IS REPORTED TO BE RALLYING WITH SOME IMPROVEMENT FROM THE PARALYSIS RESULTING FROM HIS NECK FRACTURE. His wife, who flew from the United States, is now at his bedside.

The hospital authorities said that Patton's general condition remains satisfactory and that he is resting comfortably taking nourishment. He is fully conscious and rational. — Associated Press.

## Two and Two

London, Dec. 12. Jewish personnel in the British Army are being posted out of Palestine on the instructions of the War Office. Mr. J. J. Lawson, Secretary for War, informed the House of Commons to-day in reply to a question by Mr. P. Piratin, Communist member for Stepney.

Mr. Piratin: Will you explain the reason for the instruction?

Mr. Lawson: I should have thought that obvious. — Reuter.

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## Mistaken Idea

Los Angeles, Dec. 12. Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard Observatory, compares destruction of the Japanese cyclotron equipment to burning books.

He told an educational gathering that the cyclotron was smashed "through mistaken ideas as to its use. Somebody in authority erred in giving the order." — Associated Press.

## Would-Be Looters Shot At Kai Tak

TWO WOULD-BE LOOTERS ARE LYING IN HOSPITAL WITH LEG AND GROIN WOUNDS FOLLOWING AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO STEAL EQUIPMENT FROM THE R.A.F. STATION, KAI TAK.

As a result of an earlier night raid in which looters broke into a store and got away with radio equipment worth about \$1,600, special guards were mounted, and one gang of other five or six men walked straight into the trap prepared for them.

Armed with a bamboo pole with hooks at the end, presumably for lifting loot over the fence, the gang got on to the station through a culvert running beneath the road. They were spotted by aircraft guards, who called out a patrol of 2070 R.A.F. Regiment Squadron led by Flt. Lt. W. R. Ladlow, of 14, Gray Street, Cumnock, Ayrshire.

### CAUGHT BY SEARCHLIGHT

Caught in the beam of a searchlight as they were challenged, the raiders refused to stop. The patrol fired only five rounds from their rifles, but in the uncertain light they wounded two of the men, who were taken into custody, and probably wounded another, since a trail of blood was discovered leading from the scene of the capture on to the road.

The incident may be taken to indicate that any other prospective looter at Kai Tak can expect very short shrift. — (Continued on Page 6)

## JAPAN'S WORST NAVAL DISASTER

TOKYO, Dec. 12.

JAPANESE NAVAL CAPT. TOSHIKAZU OHMAE TOLD TO-DAY HOW THE NEWEST NIPPONESE AIRCRAFT CARRIER WAS SUNK BY AN AMERICAN SUBMARINE IN HER FIRST ENGAGEMENT NEAR THE PHILIPPINES IN 1944. HE SAID ANOTHER CARRIER, THE 30,000-TON "CHOKAKU," WAS SUNK IN THE SAME ENGAGEMENT.

Ohmae said the flagship "Taiho" in the battle of the Philippines was hit by a torpedo, escaped northward and then exploded and sank quickly, with only a few crew members surviving.

Ohmae said the first battle of the Philippines was the most decisive naval engagement of the war. — Associated Press.

### THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast:—Cloudy, with light to moderate east winds, remaining cool. Yesterday's temperatures: Maximum:—68 degrees at noon. Minimum:—65 degrees at 6 a.m.

## Band Leader's Claim To Reinstatement

LONDON, Dec. 12. A BAND LEADER, BERNARD GILBRAITH, OF VILLIERS STREET, WEST, WHO SERVED FIVE YEARS AS AN AIR GUNNER IN THE R.A.F., ASKED THE WEST-MINSTER REINSTATEMENT COMMITTEE TO-DAY TO ORDER HIS REINSTATEMENT BY THE LANDSDOWN RESTAURANT, MAYFAIR LTD., OF BERKLEY SQUARE, WEST, WHO, GILBRAITH CLAIMED, WERE HIS FORMER EMPLOYERS.

The committee decided Gilbraith must be reinstated by the firm as band leader and musical director. The firm were ordered to pay \$27 compensation. Leave to appeal was granted.

Gilbraith said the restaurant had paid him for himself, his girl vocalist and the band. Three members of his band who had served during the war were now demobilised. — Reuter.

For Mayfair Ltd. it was said the firm were not Gilbraith's former employers because the relationship had not been that of master and servant.

Members of the band were not under the control of the restaurant in the legal sense. Gilbraith, not the firm, had been responsible for any dismissals of any members of the band. — Reuter.

## WAR DECLARED ON CRIMINALS

LONDON, Dec. 12. BRITAIN'S POLICE TO-DAY CALLED ON EVERYONE TO HELP THEM BEAT THE THE COUNTRY'S GREATEST-EVER CRIME WAVE. LONDON'S POLICE WANT EVERY MAN WHO WILL TO VOLUNTEER FOR DUTY AS A SPECIAL PART-TIME CONSTABLE. OBJECT OF THE CALL TO CIVILIANS IS TO ENABLE REGULAR POLICEMEN TO BE TAKEN OFF ROUTINE DUTIES AND TRANSFERRED TO CRIME DETECTION.

All day yesterday the B.B.C. broadcast appeals to the public to dial 999 if they see anything suspicious.

Last night and early to-day a special watch was kept on all main roads around London and all railway stations for five armed bandits who, after robbing a country house near Leatherhead, Surrey, yesterday escaped at Collier's Wood after an 80 m.p.h. car chase by police.

Glasgow police were to-day watching all roads out of the city, railway stations and the docks for a red-headed gunman who killed a woman clerk and wounded a boy and a porter-clerk at one of Glasgow's stations.

The wounded boy, Robert Gough, a 16-year-old apprentice, is gravely ill.

The man dashed into the station master's office at Pollokshields East, firing a pistol held high. Annie Withers, 36, a clerk, died of wounds.

William Wright, 42, porter-clerk, was not badly injured and was able to tell detectives what had happened.

The man is described as about 30 to 35. He wore a light-coloured raincoat resembling a "demob" coat and a soft felt hat.

The weapon was a German Luger type, common among Germans among the troops.

### NO MONEY

The gunman searched the safe but found no money.

The type of gun he used is regarded as significant in view of the fact that a large number of army deserters are being blamed for much of the crime.

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## HOMMA SMILES ON WAY TO TRIAL

TOKYO, Dec. 12. LT-GEN. MASAHIRO HOMMA LEFT GRIM SUGAMO PRISON AT 6:25 A.M. TO-DAY TO FLY TO MANILA TO FACE WAR CRIMINAL CHARGES, INCLUDING THE ACCUSATION THAT HE PERMITTED FORCES UNDER HIS COMMAND TO MAKE AMERICAN AND FILIPINO PRISONERS PARTICIPATE IN THE "DEATH MARCH" FROM BATAAN IN 1942. HOMMA IS ACCOMPANIED BY COL. AKIRA NAGAHAMA, COMMANDER OF THE DREADED KEMPETAI OR MILITARY POLICE IN MANILA FROM LATE 1942 TO 1945, AND LT-COL. SAICHI OHTA, WHO HAD THE SAME PHILIPPINES COMMAND IN 1942. THEY LEFT IN CUSTODY OF TWO AMERICAN OFFICERS.

The two colonels are accused of permitting their men to commit atrocities.

Big, smiling Homma waved good-bye to the commander of the prison as he stepped into the ambulance which took him to Atsugi airfield on the first leg of his trip.

He was the cheeriest of the trio as they came from the prison in the cold morning air, each carrying his little satchel of personal belongings.

Homma was frowning and Nagahama attempted to hide his face as an Associated Press photographer snapped a picture of the departure. — Associated Press.

## First Snow In England

LONDON, Dec. 12. THE FIRST SNOW OF WINTER IN THE LONDON AREA FELL LAST NIGHT IN HOLLOWAY.

A bitterly cold fog which was accompanied by frost covered the greater part of the country.

This ended one of Britain's coldest days of the winter and caused a severe traffic hold-up.

Worst areas were Lancashire, the Midlands, Oldham Valley and Solway, yet the sun shone all day at Edinburgh and Aberdeen. — Reuter.

### NO MORE HEARINGS

Washington, Dec. 12. THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO-DAY WOKE UP ITS INVESTIGATION INTO FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR PATRICK Hurley's charges that career diplomats sabotaged American policy in China.

The Committee took no ballot at the close of the session.

The Committee members disclosed that there will be no more hearings. — Associated Press.

## BRITONS' PART IN SHANGHAI'S FUTURE

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12. CALLING TO MIND THE FACT THAT IT WAS THE BRITISH PEOPLE WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED SO MUCH TO THE MAKING OF SHANGHAI, MR. A. G. N. OGDEN, BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL, IN ADDRESSING A MEETING OF THE BRITISH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF CHINA, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THOSE REMAINING HERE WOULD HELP IN THE TASK OF RESTORING TO SHANGHAI ITS FORMER EMINENT POSITION.

### 2,000 IN INDO-CHINA

Saigon, Dec. 12. Questioning of former prisoners of the Japanese resulted in compilation of 2,000 war crime charges against the Japanese in southern Indo-China. Of this total, some 150 Japanese have already been arrested, 20 accused as major war criminals. — Associated Press.

## MODERNISING CHINA'S TRANSPORT

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT HAS PUT INTO OPERATION AN EXTENSIVE FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION AND MODERNISATION OF CHINA'S COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, DECLARED MR. H. S. G. CHENG, VICE-MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE "EVENING POST".

Efforts are being concentrated at present on rendering the numerous waterways of the country navigable, he said, "as these are by far the cheapest method of transportation and can carry the heaviest quantity."

Lakes are being dredged and rivers connected, especially in the Yangtze sector, from where waterways and railways stretch to all parts of China.

Regarding highways and railways, Mr. Kung said that repair work was progressing, but China required a lot of new rolling-stock as well as buses and motor trucks.

Mr. Kung predicted a bright future for China when the plan was completed. "The spectre of famine which has haunted China will disappear. Villages will open up where communication lines run. Inter-regional trade will grow and there will be a much wider distribution of goods and materials. General prosperity will be diffused throughout the country."

There will be a growth of cities, and the nation will be far more closely knit together and unified, both politically and economically speaking.

"China's future lies in a well developed and extensive communication and transportation system," Mr. Kung added. — Reuter.

## JAPS CAUGHT BY WINTER

PEKING, Dec. 12. JAPANESE CIVILIANS CAUGHT IN THE WINTER GRIP AS THEY AWAIT REPATRIATION ARE DYING OF BY THE HUNDREDS.

Six hundred deaths are reported among 8,000 who travelled afoot with occasional train rides from Shansi province to Fengtai.

They found no evacuation plans made for them. A spokesman, appealing for clothes, medicine and food said that the Japanese are dying at the rate of 20 daily.

The Chinese control commission has promised to try to speed up the removal of civilians. — Associated Press.

## Vicar Goes Down To Old Dun Cow

LONDON, Dec. 12. AFTER THE SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES AT THE BLITZED ST. PHILLIP'S CHURCH, AVONDALE SQUARE, OLD KENT ROAD, 150 WORSHIPPERS ADJOURNED TO THE DUN COW PUBLIC HOUSE, WHERE THEIR VICAR FOR 25 YEARS, THE REV. JAMES FRANKLIN HUMPHREYS, HAD ARRANGED HIS SILVER JUBILEE PARTY.

None of the parishioners or guests, among them Lord Tennyson, grandson of the poet, was surprised by the choice of place, for many are accustomed to talk with "Old Jim" as they call their vicar, over a glass of beer in the "local" on weekday evenings.

The jovial 63-year-old all-round sportsman was asked what were his views on "Sunday pub."

He replied, "Show me a better place for people than a pub."

A silver cup which started life as a sporting trophy had been re-engraved and was presented to "Old Jim" at the church for use as a Communion cup. At the Dun Cow both the vicar and his wife each received a wrist watch from the parishioners. — Reuter.

## WELL-BALANCED TEAM

London, Dec. 12. Viscount Samuel, first High Commissioner of Palestine, is on record as favouring the re-opening of Palestine Jewish immigration.

Addressing the House of Lords yesterday he denied that Palestine is overpopulated and said it was untrue that development of the Jewish community there was at the expense of the Arabs. — Associated Press.

### CHUNGKING, Dec. 12. NATIONALIST SOURCES HERE EXPRESS THE BELIEF THAT BECAUSE OF THE TARDINESS OF THE COMMUNISTS, THE SCHEDULED PEACE DISCUSSIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE STILL FURTHER DELAYED.

The parleys were set originally to begin around Nov. 20, then postponed to the first week of December and again to about the 10th. Now, according to Nationalist quarters, they are not likely to begin until after the 15th.

Reason for the delay is said to be the fact that Gen. Chou En-lai and other Communist negotiators have further postponed their departure from Yenan.

They are not now due in Chungking until late this week. — Associated Press.

MIDDLE EAST PACT

Paris, Dec. 12. M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, to-day told a meeting of the French Cabinet that negotiations between Britain and France for a Middle East agreement were making favourable progress, an official French communiqué stated. — Reuter.

New York, Dec. 12. The United States Treasury Department to-day announced that Victory Loan sales total \$17,207,000,000 or 150.4 per cent over the \$11,000,000,000 goal. — Associated Press.</

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rutherford  
wish to inform their friends  
who have been invited to the  
marriage of their daughter on  
Saturday, December 15th, that  
the ceremony will take place at  
6.30 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. as  
stated in the invitation card.  
The guests are therefore kindly  
requested to be present at 6.15  
p.m. instead of 5.45 p.m.

Fleet Club Putting  
On 2,000 Meals A DayCannibalism  
In Leyte

Tokyo, Dec. 12.  
A returning Japanese in-  
fantryman told Kyodo news  
agency that starving Japanese  
troops on Leyte finally resorted  
to killing and eating fellow  
soldiers in extreme cases.

The soldier, Superior Private Shigen Aoki, said the  
officer had plenty of food, and also had Filipino women  
at their call up to the time of  
the surrender. (Associated  
Press)

American On  
A Cook's Tour

A SECOND PARTY OF  
AMERICAN G.I.S. TOURED  
THE COLONY YESTERDAY  
ON A TRIP ORGANISED BY  
UNITED STATES ARMY H.Q.  
AT SHANGHAI FOR U.S.  
ARMY AND AIR FORCE PERSONNEL  
WHO WANT TO SEE  
MORE OF THE FAR EAST.

The party consisted of 45 men.  
Their purchases locally included a Chow fun and many bunches of  
bananas. Personnel on the trip  
were all Shanghai-based. They  
are to spend two days in Canton.

There will be several more such  
trips, which will be twice weekly  
for this month. The party landed at  
Kai Tak and were brought over to Blake Pier in the morning,  
boarding for Kai Tak once more  
at 4 p.m. and leaving for Canton  
at 4.30 o'clock.

The visitors were not permitted  
to cross the harbour to Kowloon,  
presumably to avoid the possibility  
of anyone getting lost in  
glamorous Hong Kong.

## GRAPEJUICE CONFISCATED

For possession of four cans of  
grape juice of a type issued to  
the Forces, Ko Yuk-kwan was  
fined \$5 by C.Y. Kwan at the  
Summary Military Court yesterday.

It was stated that accused was  
selling the goods in Pottenger  
Street, and was apprehended by  
Marine patrols on Tuesday night.

Accused was warned that he  
should not purchase or sell this  
type of canned goods in future.  
The goods were ordered to be  
confiscated.

## GIRL GUIDES MEETING

At a meeting of the Hong Kong  
Girl Guides Association held at  
Virgins, St. Andrew's Church, Miss Dorothy Lee was  
elected Commissioner for the  
Colony. Miss Lee has been a girl  
guide for many years. Mrs. C.  
M. Bird was elected Hon. Sec.  
and Treasurer.

The next meeting will be held on  
Dec. 28 at 6.30 p.m. at the  
Fire Brigade Bldg, 3rd floor. All  
Guiders are welcome.

END OF MORRISON HILL  
ROAD ASSAULT CASE

THE CASE BETWEEN MOSES NG AND SHIN KA-SING,  
INVOLVING AN ASSAULT SUMMONS, WAS CON-  
CLUDED AT THE SUMMARY MILITARY COURT BE-  
FORE MR. C. Y. KWAN WHEN HE DELIVERED  
JUDGEMENT YESTERDAY.

Shin Ka-sing sued Moses Ng on the 31st day of  
October, 1945, claiming that Ng struck him in  
the left eye at No. 16, Morrison Hill Road, third floor, the  
residence of Miss Diana Chan on October 31.

Moses Ng brought a counter-  
summons against Shin for calling  
him a traitor and also for  
assault and threatening him  
with injury.

Mr. F. Zimmerman appeared for  
Shin and Mr. Hin Shing Lo for Ng.

Mr. Kwan in his judgment said: "Having considered the  
evidence I have come to the following conclusions:

There is insufficient evidence to substantiate the charge that

Ng is to the mutual charge of assault on the 31st day of October, 1945, I find that there is independent evidence that Shin assaulted Ng first, and I accept the evidence of Ng that it was in the course of self-defence that he hit Shin and injured him. I am satisfied that it did so with what is described by Dr. Ozorio's medical report (Exhibit No. 2) as 'moderate force' only. Accordingly I dismiss the charge 'A' in the cross-summons, and acquit Shin, so far as this charge is concerned.

## SELF-DEFENCE

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"In view of the trivial nature of the offence I think justice in the case will be met if I reiterate the conviction against him and discharge him with caution.

WITH SIX TO SEVEN THOUSAND LIBERTY MEN  
ASHORE ON SUCH GALA OCCASIONS AS PAY-  
DAY, THE CHINA FLEET CLUB, WHICH HAS BEEN  
STEADILY PUTTING ON ONE AMENITY AFTER AN-  
OTHER ON TO ITS LIST OF FEATURES FOR THE EN-  
TERTAINMENT OF SHORE-BASED AND LIBERTY  
MEN OF THE ROYAL NAVY, HAS SIGNED A SIGH  
OF SATISFACTION AND IS PROUDLY EXHIBITING  
A BALANCE-SHEET THAT SHOWS A GOOD MARGIN  
ON THE CREDIT SIDE.

THE CLUB, WHICH HAS CATERED TO THE ROYAL  
NAVY, THE MERCHANT NAVY, AND ALL MEN IN  
EMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTION WITH NAVAL OR  
MERCHANT MARINE AFFAIRS FOR MANY YEARS  
BEFORE THE WAR IS DOING A SIMILAR JOB TO-DAY  
AND ON A SCALE MUCH LARGER THAN ANY  
KNOWN IN ITS HISTORY.

There are 2,000 cooked meals served daily and 4,800 bottles of beer find customers nightly at the bar.

There are two restaurants, one for Chief and Petty Officers, and the other for junior ratings. There are, similarly, two bars. There is a reading and recreation room, a tombola three times weekly, and cinema shows daily at 4.00 and 7.30 p.m. when the latest films are shown to members. The cinema seats about 480.

Preparations are in hand for Christmas and 30 tankers have already been guaranteed. On Boxing Day there is to be a dance to which ladies of the community will be invited.

Though about 80 per cent. of everything consumed at the restaurant is locally produced, prices are far below the levels set at even the cheaper cafés in town and the food is well-cooked, naval favourites such as sliced lobster and salad and fried eggs (three per portion) with chips being available at \$3 and \$1.65 a portion respectively.

KITCHEN STAFF OF 60  
The Club employs a kitchen staff of 60 and pays its own way. It is successfully battling local prices and is even going all out to bring the price of beer down. In short, it is doing the serviceman all of whom are cordially invited to use the club's amenities, and the Colony as a whole a service by setting a much needed example.

In charge, as manager, is C.P.O. Writer Wm. J. Waghorn, who told our reporter that he liked the cooperative spirit of the local populace and intends to be a good neighbour to the Club.

It was stated that accused was selling the goods in Pottenger Street, and was apprehended by Marine patrols on Tuesday night.

Accused was warned that he should not purchase or sell this type of canned goods in future. The goods were ordered to be confiscated.

## CINEMA SHOWS

The Club Cinema is functioning and giving performances twice daily.

Mr. Spooner and Mr. Max Lawton, from the British Centre at Sydney, visited the Club last month. They had flown up from Sydney in order to survey Hong Kong from an amenities point of view and as a section of the British Centre at Sydney is closing down, they also brought with them a list of equipment which is available for transfer to Hong Kong on suitable terms.

On Sunday mornings the Theatre has been loaned for the purpose of holding alternately a Church of England and a Church of Scotland service.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## To Whom?

Sir—I have read with interest the Government's proposals for fixing wage levels in Hong Kong, but unfortunately the facts provided do not show clearly what exactly is intended.

The impression I get is that the intention is to bring the wage scales in the Colony back to their pre-war levels, using the food price index as justification. In other words, when prices of certain commodities fall sufficiently, Government and Big Business plan to force wages down to the point which compelled the mass of the population before the war to exist on the starvation border.

The excuse is economic necessity. Do social conditions never enter into consideration? Is it really true that deplorable wages and living conditions are a sine qua non of Hong Kong's prosperity? When prosperity is referred to in this connection, to whom does it apply?

## REFORMER

DOWN TO LAST ONE,  
ALMOST!

Sir—Could you please help us in the following matter? Which has the bigger population, China or India, and by how many?

Helping you can oblige.

TWO TOWNIES.

(China 467,835,475; India 352,987,778—Ed.)

An attempted armed robbery at the Luen Hing Lung poultry dealers, No. 10, Waterloo Road, at about eight o'clock last night was frustrated when the accountant of the firm barricaded himself in his office. Four men took part in the attempt, all armed with revolvers. After some effort to force the door of the office, they left hurriedly.

School For  
Scandal?

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12.

Among the latest charges made by the Nationalists against the Communists is that they have opened a school for Mata Hari near Kwaihsien, capital of Szechuan province.

Pupils are said to be over 400 young women abducted from various districts in north-western Shensi who are undergoing "rigorous training in espionage and propaganda."

COMMUNISTS ON  
NEW CLASHES

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12:

TROOPS ARE CLOSING IN ON TWO TOWNS ON THE TIENTSIN-PUYU RAILROAD, NORTH OF TSI-NANFU, PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF SHANTUNG. THE TOWNS ARE IDENTIFIED AS YUCHENG AND PING-YUAN.

THE COMMUNISTS ARE ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE CLASHED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE PEIPING-HUAN-KUANG RAILROAD, AND LISTED RESULTS BETWEEN NOV. 19 AND 30 ADMITTED THE OF 11 TOWNSHIPS.

Flag Raising  
Ceremony In  
Swatow

SWATOW, Dec. 12.

On December 8, that is just four years after the outbreak of the Pacific War, the flag of the N.A.A.F.I. undertook the organisation of the beer bars from the initial opening until November 3, since when the Club has purchased from the N.A.A.F.I. and run its own show.

## ACCOMMODATION

Two restaurants have been re-decorated and opened up for business on November 2, since when excellent trading returns have been achieved. The restaurants are run by a compradore, the Club fixing the prices and taking 15 per cent.

The Club is using the ground and first floors only, the remaining ten floors being under temporary regulation for the accommodation of shore-based personnel. These will be released to the Club as soon as alternative accommodation can be arranged.

The Club is the raising of the British flag is an act of faith in our future. Without faith we can accomplish nothing, we can move not ordinary mountains, but also mountains of cargo to and from Swatow. In spite of almost superhuman difficulties we have come through the war victorious and so with an effort we can, must and will come through the peace. Just as this flag is able to rise again on high, so can our national fortunes."

The British Consulate is being repaired so that it will be ready for occupation at a later date.

—London Press Service.

## GENERAL PUN LEAVING

General Pun Wah-kwok, popular head of the Chinese Military Mission in Hong Kong, was to have left yesterday morning for Chungking but owing to a delay in the arrival of the C.N.A.C. plane from Canton, his departure has been postponed until Friday morning.

General Pun is relinquishing his post as head of the military mission to take up another important appointment, and his place here is being taken over by General Mok Yu-shik who is now in the Colony.

In an interview on the eve of his departure, General Pun expressed appreciation and thanks for the courtesies and co-operation extended to him by the British authorities, his American friends and all sections of the Chinese community during his three-months' stay here.

He wished in particular to thank H.E. Admiral-Harcourt and Major-General Festing for their many kindnesses.

The work of the mission is not yet finished, but it is being left in capable hands.

—London Press Service.

GOVERNOR OF  
KWANTUNG LEAVES

The Governor of Kwantung, General Lo Cheuk-ying, brought his wife to a close yesterday morning, when he and his entourage left by train for Canton.

On the platform to see him off

was His Excellency the C-in-C

and high officials, members of

the Chinese Military Mission, and

representatives of the Kuomintang

and other Chinese organisations.

## OFF MACAO RUN

The Hongkong-Yaumati ferry boat Man Hing which has been

now been withdrawn from this service. She will now be used

to augment the Hongkong and

Yaumati ferry service and permit

one of the other ferries at present

on the run to go for overhaul.

Tramways Well On  
The Road Back

THE RESTORATION OF AN EFFICIENT SERVICE WITH

IN A FORTNIGHT OF THE REOCCUPATION OF

HONG KONG AND THE COMPLETION OF EXTEN-

SE REPAIRS TO MILES OF TRACKS AND OVER-

HEAD-WIRING SINCE THEN ARE SOME OF THE

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE HONG KONG TRAMWAYS

COMPANY.

CONSIDERING THAT NO MAINTENANCE SERVICE WAS

KEPT DURING THE WHOLE OF THE OCCUPATION

PERIOD AND THE SHOCKING STATE OF THE RE-

PAIR SHOPS AND THE COMPANY ON THE WHOLE

THE PRESENT STAFF OF THE COMPANY HAS DONE

A REMARKABLE JOB IN PUTTING INTO SHAPE ONE

OF THE COLONY'S MAIN MEANS OF CONVEYANCE.

The fact that fifty per cent. of the number of cars, as compared to the pre-war figure, is running already speaks for itself.

In an interview with the "China Mail" yesterday, an official of the Tramway Company stated that so far as track and overhead equipment were concerned, the only portion of the former routes not yet repaired is that from Tolo to Shaukiwan.

The opening of this section of the line, he stated, depends on the arrival of engineering equipment from Hong Kong. The company has ordered large supplies of equipment of all kinds.

When the company was taken over from the Japanese, there were 18 cars running but after the service was resumed on Sept. 1 by the rightful owner, four men took part in the attempt, all armed with revolvers. After some effort to force the door of the office, they left hurriedly.

To ease congestion during the rush hours, the company puts

# REMOVING MISUNDERSTANDING

## Big Three Meeting In Moscow Widely Approved

### No Abandonment Of Principles

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.)

LONDON, DEC. 12.

AS MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE ABOUT THE SCOPE AND NATURE OF THE MOSCOW CONFERENCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE "BIG THREE," REACTIONS AMONG OBSERVERS IN LONDON ARE BEGINNING TO CRYSTALLISE IN TWO DIRECTIONS.

**FIRSTLY, THERE IS UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE DECLARED AIM OF THE CONFERENCE INSOFAR AS THEY ARE DIRECTED TOWARDS REMOVING SUSPICIONS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS BEFORE THE THREE POWERS MEET IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS.**

Discussion of atomic control is particularly welcomed as a practical and necessary curtain raiser to the General Assembly. The absence of Sir John Acheson, Britain's chief atomic delegate to the Anglo-American Canadian talks in Washington, from the British delegation to Moscow is presumably explained by the fact that the question will be discussed there not in its technical aspects, but as it affects political and diplomatic problems with which, of course, Mr. Ernest Bevin and his Foreign Office representatives are fully qualified to deal.

Secondly, as it becomes more and more apparent that many of the problems which would ordinarily come into the province of the Foreign Ministers Council are likely to be tabled in Moscow, there is still a tendency to explore what on the face of it appears to be a return to exclusive "Big Three" diplomacy.

### Dock Strike Threat Re-Emerges

LONDON, DEC. 11.

BRITAIN'S DOCKS ARE AGAIN FACED WITH LABOUR CRISIS. LONDON DOCK WORKERS AT A MASS MEETING TO-DAY PROTESTED AGAINST THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ARBITRATION COMMITTEE OF A 19 SHILLING DAILY WAGE, AND CALLED ON THEIR UNION LEADERS TO GIVE A 21 DAYS' STRIKE NOTICE.

The decision of the London Central Strike Committee, which advised rejection of the recommendation to-day, is in sharp contrast to the attitude of all four unions, which have strongly advised the men to accept the new wage rate.

The next move will be on Friday when the delegates' conference, attended by representatives from every port in the country, will be held in London. It will consider the Arbitration Committee's recommendation, and will have the power to insist that unions give 21 days' notice of strike action.—Reuter.

### Possession Of Duty-Free Cigarettes

Leung Kan, junk foki, was charged before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday with being in possession of sixty cartons of American cigarettes on board a junk on Tuesday.

According to the prosecution, Chinese Sub-Inspector Fong told the Court that during a routine search by the Dockward Police, the cigarettes were found on board accused's junk near Stonecutters Bay. They were wrapped up inside a cotton quilt.

Defendant said he exchanged the cigarettes for four wrist watches, and he did not know it was against the law.

A fine of \$10 was imposed, and the cigarettes were ordered to be forfeited.

Ngan Ki-yan, who was charged with a similar offence by having in his possession three bottles of Hong Kong beer, a type provided for the forces, had his bail of \$20 estreated when he failed to appear in Court.

Sub-Inspector Fong said that Hong Kong beer is only provided to the forces and was not for sale at present.

Mr. Kwan said that he had seen restaurants selling a similar type of beer for \$5. "May be they have a permit for them," Inspector Fong said.

The three bottles of beer were ordered to be confiscated.

### Costly Move

LONDON, DEC. 12.

IMMEDIATE COST OF THE MOVE OF THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA COMMAND GROUP HEADQUARTERS FROM CEYLON TO SINGAPORE IS ESTIMATED AT SOME £30,000, AND MR. JACK LAWSON, MINISTER OF WAR, IN REPLY TO A QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY.

He added that it was intended that S.E.A.C. Headquarters should remain in Singapore.—Reuter.

### NAZIS HAD DEADLIEST POISON GAS

WASHINGTON, DEC. 12.

THE I.G. FARBNEN INDUSTRIE, GERMANY'S GREAT CHEMICAL COMBINE, DEVELOPED DURING THE WAR AND WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ALLIED NATIONS THE "DEADLIEST POISON GAS IN THE WORLD". COLONEL BERNARD BERNSTEIN OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN GERMANY STATED IN WASHINGTON TO-DAY.

Colonel Bernstein made this statement while testifying before the Senate Sub-Committee investigating Germany's war potential.

Democratic Senator Harley M. Kilgore heads the Committee.

In spite of the effort made by the Nazis to destroy plants and stocks before occupation, Allied investigators learned that an I.G. Farben official at Wuppertal-Elberfeld had invented a gas capable of penetrating any gas mask in existence.

The Colonel added: "The German dye trust originally made its poison gas experiments on monkeys and later on human beings."

These gases were not only used on helpless people during the experimental stages but they were later employed with the full knowledge and acquiescence of the I.G. Farben to exterminate whole groups in concentration camps, such as Auschwitz."—Reuter.

### Arabs Rather Deal With Britain Only

CAIRO, DEC. 12.

THE ARAB COMMITTEE, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL ARAB PARTIES IN PALESTINE, ISSUED A STATEMENT TO-DAY TO THE EFFECT THAT THE PALESTINE QUESTION IS ONE BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND PALESTINE AND THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS NO RIGHT TO INTERFERE.

THE STATEMENT WAS RELEASED BY EMILE BEY EL-CHOURY, MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, ON THE EVE OF THE PAN-ARAB LEAGUE MEETING AT WHICH THE PALESTINIANS FOR THE FIRST TIME WILL HAVE A VOTE.

Palestine previously had only observer rights and was not officially a member of the league as a British Protectorate.

The statement says: "Firstly, the first and final word about the future of Palestine rests with the Palestine Arabs, supported by all Arab nations."

"Secondly, Palestine Arabs deny that any foreign power has the right to dispose of the future of their country."

"Thirdly, Palestine Arabs consider Mr. Bevin's statement as disquieting and a departure

### CHIANG ORDERS PUNISHMENT

CHUNGHING, Dec. 12.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek to-day dismissed and ordered "severe punishment" for General Liu Chin-ho, the General Commander of Yunnan Province, for "mishandling the Kunming student incident."

The students in Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province, called a strike as a protest against the civil war in China. Four of the students were killed and nine injured by a hand-grenade during a procession.

At one time, the strike affected more than ten thousand students and more than twenty schools.

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### Wilderness Capital Of Yenan

(By John Roderick.)

YANAN, DEC. 11.

THIS WILDERNESS CAPITAL OF CHINA'S COMMUNISTS HAS BEEN MUCH WRITTEN ABOUT BUT SELDOM VISITED BY FOREIGNERS. THIS IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF A POWERFUL FACTION WHICH CLAIMS TO SPEAK FOR 100,000,000 PEOPLE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO JUDGE THE SUCCESS OF THE STRUGGLE TOWARD WHAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS SAY IS ECONOMIC EQUALITY AND POLITICAL DEMOCRACY, BUT AFTER ONE WEEK HERE AN OBSERVER GETS THESE IMPRESSIONS:

The press is supposedly free but I found no word of criticism of the Chinese Communist Party. Notable, too, is its unwillingness to acknowledge anything good in the Nationalist Party of Chiang Kai-shek.

Perhaps this is too much to ask from a people who feel they have suffered much in blood at Central Government's hands.

The Communists declared their aim is human improvement. They have accepted isolation, hardship and at times possible death for what must often have seemed a futile cause.

People of Yenan are healthy and adequately fed. There are no beggars in evidence. The crime rate is low. Ideas of the administration seem to be progressive.

Elections apparently are free. The judicial system is humane, aiming at reform rather than punishment only.

Youth predominates in the army and the leaders appear to be resourceful.

Yenan's ancient walled city is largely rubble from the 1938 Japanese bombings, and dwellers occupy countless caves cut into sandy cliffs.—Associated Press.

### A Japanese In London During War

IN THE HEART OF LONDON A Japanese, with his British-born wife and family, had lived unmolested throughout the war.

His 21-year-old son who was to have been married to a charming English girl, was reported missing after an R.A.F. bombing raid over Germany last March.

The father, Mr. Yoshio Yama, born in Japan 60 years ago, said that he served on Japanese merchant ships in the last war, when Japan was with the Allies.

Mrs. Yama who comes from the Isle of Wight, said: "I am British and the children have British nationality."

Commenting on the scores of panels and drawings on the walls of their flat, the work of Mr. Yama, his wife said: "Peter, our son, was also a wonderful artist and a musician. I had just sent him his violin. The R.A.F. have found it and are keeping it for me."

Fourthly, they request the British Government to reconsider and renounce Mr. Bevin's statement.—Associated Press and Reuter.

### Byrnes' Plan For Single Peace Conference

WASHINGTON, DEC. 12.

SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES TO-DAY DISCLOSED HE WOULD RENEW HIS PLAN FOR WRITING THE PEACE OF EUROPE IN A GENERAL PEACE CONFERENCE.

THE BIG-FIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE DEADLOCKED ON THE ISSUE LAST SEPTEMBER WHEN RUSSIA OBJECTED TO FRENCH AND CHINESE PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION OF PEACE TREATIES WITH THE BALKANS.

Byrnes said that Britain was proposing to Russia a coordinated withdrawal of their armies from Iran as soon as possible.

He said that Dr. James B. Conant, President of Harvard University, will be his adviser on atomic energy problems.

Byrnes said that the initial American purpose was to inform Russia about the United Nations Commission agreed by the United States, Britain and

### 400 Japanese Face Charges

Saigon, Dec. 12.

After studying the reports of interrogations of over eight thousand Allied prisoners-of-war in Indo-China, the Allied Military Authorities have prepared a "black list" of four hundred Japanese and their allies to be tried on war crimes charges.

In addition, twenty major war criminals will be charged for mass murders.

Of the 400 wanted men, 150 are now imprisoned. The trials will probably be held on a regional basis.—Reuter.

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be present should send in memo  
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REPATRIATION OFFICE

12th December, 1945.

# R.A.F. Man Anxious To Get Down To It

ANOTHER R.A.F. MAN WHO WAS SERVING AT KAI TAK  
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Sergt. Bartlett, whose U. K.  
home was at St. Michael's Lane,  
Bridport, Dorsetshire, was in  
Shamshui po prison camp along  
with about 30 other R.A.F.  
personnel from Kai Tak, and  
like LAC. J. R. J. Bradforth,  
whose story was given recently  
in the "China Mail," he recalls  
the epidemic of diphtheria  
in the camp and how the Jap  
Dr. Saito threatened to give  
the British doctors machine  
gun bullets if they pressed him  
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serum. He even went so far as  
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we were handed over to a factory  
where I worked in the foundry.  
We were always des  
perately short of food."

"The Japs stole any meat that  
was supposed to be destined for  
us. All we got were the bones,  
which we boiled for hours until  
they were soft enough to eat."

"When we tried to grow vegetables  
the guards ate those."

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## Palestine Committee Planning Talks

(By Renter's Diplomatic Correspondent.)

LONDON, DEC. 12.  
THE FIRST MOVE OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMIT  
TEE ON PALESTINE WILL BE TO HOLD A SERIES  
OF MEETINGS TO DETERMINE ITS PLAN OF CAM  
PAIGN.

INITIALLY, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION WILL  
MEET IN WASHINGTON ON DEC. 13 OR 14. THE  
BRITISH DELEGATION WILL MEET IN LONDON AS  
SOON AS MR. JUSTICE SINGLETON, THE BRITISH  
CHAIRMAN, IS FREE FROM HIS DUTIES AT THE  
BIRMINGHAM ASSIZES.

These discussions will be fol  
lowed by meetings in London,  
first between the British and  
United States chairmen and  
then the whole committee ac  
cording to British official quarters.

As a result of the planning  
talks, the joint committee is ex  
pected to split into sub-commi  
tees, which will visit the various  
countries concerned. If it is to  
function properly, the  
Committee will obviously have  
to seek the co-operation of the  
various Allied Governments,  
such as Poland and the Soviet  
Union, in connection with the  
position of Jews in the Soviet  
zones of Germany and Austria  
before it starts work.

In countries such as Bul  
garia, Rumania and Hungary  
where there is joint control  
commissions, approach will pre  
sumably be made to the local  
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## THE CHINA MAIL, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1945.

## Striking Facts On Railway War Effort

### General Sacked

Chungking, Dec. 12.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai  
shek has relieved General  
Kwang Lin-cheng as commander  
of the Kunming garrison for  
alleged mishandling of the  
strike of 6,000 students  
against civil strife in China.

It has been directed that  
General Kwang be appropriately  
punished.

General Ho Kwei-chang has  
been named acting garrison  
commander in Kunming.—

Associated Press.

### BASKET-BALL MATCH

The Chinese First Army beat  
Chinese Y.M.C.A. "Y" team by 30  
points to 23 in an exhibition basket  
ball game at Bridges Street last  
night.

Chinese "Y" were leading by  
11-10 at the interval. Tang Sik  
chiu at centre and Ng Sheung-pak  
at guard were the best players for  
the Army team. Luke Tak-chung  
played well for Chinese "Y".

This evening Chinese First  
Army will meet the Chinese  
Y.M.C.A. "A" team at the "Y"  
gymnasium at 6.30 p.m.

### FRIENDLY SOCCER

Through the courtesy of Lieut.  
Potts of 42 R.M. Commando a  
friendly football game will be

played between 42 R.M. Commando  
and Kwong Wah on Saturday  
at 4 p.m. on the Kwong Wah  
ground (Cox's Path).

42 Commando have a strong  
side and a number of very good  
players. Kwong Wah will be  
fielding the same team which beat  
H.M.S. Montclare on Tuesday and  
a good game is anticipated.

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# All Set For Chungking Troops To Fly In

## Fresh Chaplains

Matsuyama, Japan, Dec. 12. A young American officer fresh from the States called his men together, pulled out his canteen and said: "Boys, have a drink on me. It's something special you haven't tasted for a long time." He was feeling although it may have faded the boys. He had filled his canteen in San Francisco and brought the statewide water across the Pacific free of charge. —Associated Press

## Empire Labour Party Conference!

Ottawa, Dec. 12. It was announced that an invitation has been extended by the Co-operative Federations (representing the Labour, Farmer and Socialist Parties) for a conference of British Commonwealth Labour Parties to be held in Canada next December.

The National Secretary of the Federation said that they had reason to believe that the invitation would be accepted and added that the British, Australian, New Zealand and South African Labour Parties were certain to be represented.

The Secretary said that discussions were proceeding to extend invitations to India and other parts of the Empire. —Reuter

## SENTENCED TO DEATH

KWAJALEIN, Dec. 12. SIX JAPANESE OFFICERS WHO WERE CONVICTED OF THE KILLING OF FIVE AMERICAN AIRMEN ON MALL IN FEBRUARY, 1944, WERE SENTENCED TO BE HANGED BY THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION HERE TO-DAY.

Two others were sentenced to life imprisonment and two given a term of 20 years' imprisonment. The case will be reviewed by higher authority.

Those sentenced included Colonel Kibutu Oishi, senior officer at Mall, Major Ootokuni Nakao, Major Chojira Takarada, Navy Lieutenant Tkyoshi Ueda, Army Lieutenant Takuji Mori and Navy Lieutenant Officer Takanishi Manako.

The accused were charged of having beheaded the American airmen after their bomber had crashed at Mall. —Associated Press.

## Nazis Leaders See Their Story On Scene

NUERNBERG, Dec. 12. TWENTY-ONE NAZIS WATCHED SPELLBOUND A FILM RECORD OF THEIR HEILING, GOOSE STEPPING DAYS WHEN THEY WERE RIDING BIG IN EUROPE AND PLOTTING NEW CONQUESTS. THE FILM, WHICH TOOK UP MOST OF THE SESSION OF THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL, WAS COMPILED FROM CAPTURED GERMAN NEWSREELS AS THE FILM RECORD WAS UNFOLDED IN THE DARKENED COURT-ROOM THE DEFENDANTS FOLLOWED THE GRIM RECORD OF THE NAZIS' RISE TO POWER WITH RAPT ATTENTION.

The sight of Hermann Goering rubbing his pudgy palms together in self-satisfied manner over the signing of the Munich Pact was too much for some of the defendants who laughed in spite of themselves.

Observers who watched the defendants' reaction, seen by the strong lighting, agreed that they reacted "like a group of school children" at the reminders of their most glamorous adventures.

Goering remarked that if the film could be seen in their entirety "Justice Jackson would certainly join the party."

Joachim Von Ribbentrop's eyes filled with tears at a scene showing Hitler speaking and he exclaimed: "Can't you feel Hitler's tremendous personality? For us it is the most fearfully stimulating thing that has happened."

But frowning Hans Frank reported: "You see that is the man the Germans made a God of."

NOT BAD

Later during a scene showing marching seamen, Admiral Carl Doenitz commented: "Obviously they are the best of the lot."

Goering admitted: "Not bad." Rudolf Hess was the most excited of all as his face was shown in close-ups. He tapped his foot constantly to the military march and clapped his hands soundlessly.

THE RUSSIAN CONCESSION TO ALLOW CHINESE NATIONALIST TROOPS TO FLY INTO MANCHURIA WILL ALLOW TROOP LANDINGS AT THE THREE MAJOR CITIES OF CHANGCHUN, MUKDEN AND HARBIN, CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY REPORTED. CHINESE COMMUNISTS PREVIOUSLY WERE REPORTED CONCENTRATING ABOUT CHANGCHUN AND HARBIN AND READY TO TAKE OVER MUKDEN IF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TROOPS ON THE OUTSKIRTS TRIED TO MOVE IN, BUT A CHINESE DISPATCH YESTERDAY SAID THE COMMUNIST HEADQUARTERS AT YENAN ORDERED THEIR TROOPS TO CLEAR OUT OF MUKDEN TO CONSERVE THE STRENGTH OF THE COMMUNIST FORCES.

## GIVE MONTH'S WARNING

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12. THE C.I.O. UNITED STEEL WORKERS' UNION, CLAIMING A MEMBERSHIP OF NEARLY 1,000,000, HAS SET A MINUTE AFTER MIDNIGHT NEXT JAN. 14 AS THE TIME FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE GENERAL STRIKE OF THE NATION'S STEEL MILLS.

A resolution by the Wage Policy Committee condemned President Truman's proposed legislation for settlement of the dispute by a fact finding board.

The strike would be the largest in American history.

The Union is demanding a \$2 daily wage increase. Large steel firms have stated that they cannot pay the raise without increasing prices, while the government's office of price administration has refused a general price increase.

Associated Press

## Nazi Slavery

NUREMBERG, Dec. 12. EVIDENCE OF NAZI REVIVAL OF SLAVERY WAS GIVEN YESTERDAY AT THE TRIAL OF GERMAN LEADERS.

The United States Deputy Prosecutor, Mr. Thomas Dodd, quoted documents showing the Nazi plan for moving millions of "Eastern peasants" into Germany and exploiting them to the utmost. Mr. Dodd also quoted a speech by Herr Himmler, in which the latter said that other nations interested him only in so far as they were needed as slaves.

Mr. Dodd will present the second instalment of the grim story of the Nazi slave programme when the trial re-opens to-day. —Reuter

GOES NOW TO TRUMAN

Washington, Dec. 12. The Senate to-day completed Congressional action on the Bill appropriating another \$550,000,000 for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

It approved the resolution adopted at the conference at New York which includes an amendment requesting the President to seek admission of American press and radio reporters into allied countries to report on U.N.R.R.A. activities. —Associated Press.

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## BIBLES FOR JAPAN

TOKYO, Dec. 12. Col. Juan Bonat, chief chaplain at Allied headquarters, said to-day arrangements were concluded for sending 2,000,000 Bibles and New Testaments to Japan from the United States. Printed in Japanese, the scriptures will replace religious literature damaged or lost during the war years. They are being supplied by the American Bible Society and will be distributed through Japanese Christian churches. —Associated Press.

It is reported the agreement does not cover the southern Manchurian port of Dairen, but previously it was reported the Russians had agreed to permit Chungking troops to enter Dairen, which, under the Sino-Russian agreement, will be occupied by both powers.

The agreement said an agreement also was reached on procedure for Chungking to take over local administrations throughout the vast territory whenever Central Government troops land in Manchuria.

Central News quoted Changchun observers as saying it would take a week or 10 days to fly a division of troops into Chungking. It added that personnel of various provincial and municipal governments assigned to Manchuria are now in Peiping and will proceed to Chungchun.

The Central Government won Russian permission to plant itself firmly at the strategic points in Manchuria after weeks of tense negotiations, while the Communists were watching for an opportunity to move in on the major cities. —Associated Press.

## THREE DAYS BEFORE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. A NAVAL OFFICER TESTIFIED AT THE ARMY'S PEARL HARBOUR INQUIRY TO-DAY THAT THE NAVY HAD PICKED UP A TOKYO MESSAGE THREE DAYS BEFORE THE ATTACK COMMITTING JAPAN TO WAR WITH THE UNITED STATES.

Two copies of the "Winds execute" message was sent to the War Department, the naval officer related, but Army officers testified that they had no record of having ever received it.

This testimony in the Army Inquiry's Board report has been hitherto classified as a top secret but is scheduled to be placed in the record of the Pearl Harbour Investigation to-morrow.

Chairman Barkley has authorized its publication to-night. —Associated Press.

The coded Tokyo message said "War with England, war with America and peace with Russia." The Judge Advocate, Myron C. Crammer, observed in the Army Board report that neither original nor copies of the message "can now be found in the files of either the War or Navy Department."

The Army Board report said that the Navy captain is reported to have predicted to Secret of the Navy Knox on Dec. 7, 1941, that the intercepted Tokyo message meant "surprise attack on Pearl Harbour to-day and possibly a midnight attack on Manila." —Associated Press.

## Got Tired Of ShamshuiPo

Captain J. L. Quie, who is among the Hong Kong business men who have recently returned to the Colony to take part in the task of rehabilitation, is also one of the men of the H.K.V.D.C. who found conditions in Shamshui Po cramped and unsatisfactory and decided to leave.

He escaped early in 1943, travelling through Shauyuchung and Taiwochow, eventually reaching Kunning and thence over "The Hump" to India.

Talking to a "China Mail" representative yesterday, Captain Quie revealed that on arrival in India he joined up as a private, was later promoted to sergeant, and then was given his commission as a member of the Intelligence Corps.

He is now functioning again as the Secretary of Humphreys Estates, Ltd., setting their affairs into order.

Danger would be, if the example of the gunmen spreads, adds the paper, which concludes: "The criminals may have a bit of a sling but the odds are hopelessly against them."

## ANOTHER INCIDENT

Another incident occurred in Kent, when Miss Nellie Smith, 37, supervisor of a Tunbridge Wells store, was walking home

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## India Urged To Pause On Edge Of Tragedy

IF IRRESPONSIBLE WORDS SHOULD RESULT IN IRRESPONSIBLE ACTS IN INDIA, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE THE FORCES AT ITS DISPOSAL TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND THE FUTURE WOULD BE DARK, COMMENTS THE CONSERVATIVE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" TODAY. THE PAPER DECLARERES THAT THIS TRAGEDY NEED NOT OCCUR. IT ADDS THAT LORD WAVELL HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE UNUSUALLY SYMPATHETIC BOTH PERSONALLY AND IN HIS CONCEPTION OF THE BRITISH POLICY TOWARDS INDIAN ASPIRATIONS.

UNDER THE HEADING "THE EDGE OF TRAGEDY," THE PAPER DECLARERES THAT THIS TRAGEDY NEED NOT OCCUR. IT ADDS THAT LORD WAVELL HAS SHOWN HIMSELF TO BE UNUSUALLY SYMPATHETIC BOTH PERSONALLY AND IN HIS CONCEPTION OF THE BRITISH POLICY TOWARDS INDIAN ASPIRATIONS.

At the same time, the Indian political leaders would be making a grave error if they supposed that because of this sympathetic attitude, Lord Wavell will be found lacking in decision and, if necessary, is sternness in the face of resort to violence.

Pandit Nehru, in the bitterness of his heart, has said that he is indifferent with what happens to India subsequently as long as the British rule is ended.

It is a narrow and callous view, however bitter his memories and experience which may have provoked it. Whatever Pandit Nehru may feel, his indifference to India's subsequent fate is not shared by Lord Wavell or the British people.

There will be and there can be no abandonment of the responsibilities without a reasonable and agreed settlement which offers the prospect of political and economic stability in India.

THREE QUALITIES

Goodwill, common sense and patience were the three qualities which the Viceroy considered essential to overcome the present difficulties. They are alas always rare and at this time particularly so. It is the moment for them to find expression.

As far as my intentions go, the way is clear not only towards political freedom but also towards energetic and intelligent attempts to deal with the deplorable poverty, illiteracy and ill health which exist in India.

How much more sensible and more truly patriotic it would be to take advantage of this opportunity rather than to follow the sterile path of mere rebelliousness and narrow communalism.

He told the nation in a radio broadcast that because of her geographical position, France's role in international affairs should be that of maintaining equilibrium between the East and West.

He made no mention of the Moscow conference of foreign ministers of Russia, Britain and the United States, which has drawn some criticism from the French press because France was not invited. —Associated Press.

## SOLDIERS EXECUTED

CHUNGKING, DEC. 12. TWO FORMER CHINESE SOLDIERS ALLEGED THROWEERS OF HAND GRENADES WHICH KILLED FOUR STUDENTS AND WOUNDED SEVERAL NEAR KUNMING ON DEC. 1. WERE EXECUTED THERE YESTERDAY, AN OFFICIAL DISPATCH REPORTED.

The two were sentenced to death by a military tribunal headed by General Lu Han, Governor of Yunnan.

The accomplice who did not toss his hand grenade was sentenced to a year in prison. The instigator of the incident eluded arrest.

A committee representing 6,000 Kunming students said that classes would be resumed on Dec. 20. —Associated Press.

## Child Crime

Chicago, Dec. 12. President Truman, in a message to the national police chiefs' convention, called on police speedily to organize a country-wide crime prevention drive to strike at the roots of juvenile delinquency, which he described as alarming.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, warned the police chiefs that a major crime wave that "startled the imagination" is sweeping the country, spearheaded by an army of juvenile delinquents. —Associated Press.

## American Policy In Germany

Washington, Dec. 12. Secretary of State Byrnes issued a German policy statement to-day, forewarning great hardships for the nation this winter but predicting a slow recovery by spring.

He said the policy is aimed at getting Germany back on her feet economically and industrially by 1948. Under the plan the German standard of living in 1948 will not be allowed to exceed that of its European neighbours.

Byrnes said the policy declaration was forwarded to American occupation authorities in the western Germany zone and to the governments of Russia, Britain and France, the other occupying powers.

The four nations are supposed to work out by Feb. 2 their final programme for removal of industrial equipment from Germany as reparations. The statement of policy opposed any plan "wantonly to destroy German structures and installations which can readily be used for permitted industrial activities or for temporary shelter." —Associated Press.

Saigon, Dec. 12. A statement by the French authorities here declared that French troops encircled and wiped out band of 30 natives who were endeavouring to evacuate Annamite hostages from the southwestern Indo-China area. —Associated Press.

## LETHAL CHAMBERS FOR NAZIS?

(By Laurence Wilkinson, "Daily Mail" Special Correspondent.) Through Reuters.

THOSE FOUND GUILTY AT THE NUREMBERG WAR CRIMES TRIALS MAY END THEIR LIVES AS DID MANY OF THEIR VICTIMS — IN THE GAS CHAMBERS.

THIS METHOD OF EXECUTION — LEGAL IN THE UNITED STATES — HAS BEEN PROPOSED AS THE BEST MEANS OF PRESERVING THEIR BODIES FOR AUTOPSY AND BRAIN DISSECTION.

The British, if they follow the precedent set in the case of Josef Kramer and others at the Belsen trial of waiving their claim as military personnel to execution by a firing squad, will recommend hanging.

The Russians, so far as lesser penalties are concerned, are said to recommend that where justified, flogging should be added to imprisonment.

Major Douglas Kelly, Nuremberg prison psychologist, said: "Universities and medical research centres will want to conduct post-mortems, looking for mental or physical abnormalities which would explain the conduct of these men."

In many instances statistics reveal a worse state of affairs than in the period following the 1914-18 war.

Liverpool: A police official stated there is a 50 per cent. increase this year over pre-war crime figures. Chief cause is the heavy decrease in the number of policemen.

Manchester: The city is undergoing a serious wave of burglaries, largely from middle class homes.

Birmingham: Cases of shop and housebreaking have increased by 500 to 600. —Reuter.

Washingon, Dec. 12. Chinese cyclist, Tsai Hoo, 30, was seriously injured yesterday when he was knocked down by an R.A.F. Dodge lorry at the corner of Prince Edward and Nathan Roads.

Another cyclist, Tsoi Hoo, 30, was seriously injured yesterday when he was knocked down by an R.A.F. Dodge lorry at the corner of Prince Edward and Nathan Roads.

Washington, Dec. 12. Rear-Admiral Henry S. Kendall, to-day predicted that if demobilization continues at the present pace, "there will be a congressional investigation within a year because we have not men to properly care for the millions of dollars worth of property we now have in forward areas."

The Director of the Pacific Fleet's transportation of demobilized personnel disclosed at press conference that the Navy has so far returned 1,400,000 men to the mainland since V.J. Day. —Associated Press.

## RADIO

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH 1948.

HAL LORENZO FROM THE STUDIO.

ZBW HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles from 13.00 to 13.30 p.m., 6.30 to 7.00 p.m. and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. also on 9.55 Megacycles.

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19.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

19.52 p.m.—Glen Miller's Orchestra with Anne Shelton.

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

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